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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT
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PATENT

Applicant:	Sugiyama et al.	Docket No.:	30598.0004
Serial No.:	08/960,431	Art Unit:	3723
Filed:	October 29, 1997	Examiner:	Nguyen, G.
Title	FLATTENING METHOD AND FLATTENING APPARATUS OF A SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE	Confirmation No.:	5997

TRANSMITTAL

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner of Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Enclosed herewith is the Response/Letter to the Office Action dated September 30, 2004.

Small Entity Status

Small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §§1.9 and 1.27 is claimed.

FEE CALCULATION, CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	Claims remaining after amendment		Highest number previously paid for		Present Extra		Additional Fee
Total Effective Claims	21	minus	21	=	0	x \$ 18.00 =	0.00
Independent Claims	4	minus	4	=	0	x \$ 86.00 =	\$0.00
If amendment enters proper multiple dependent claim(s) into this application for first time (per application)						\$290.00 +	N/A
						Subtotal:	0.00

Fee Calculation: Request for Extension of Time

pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Response filed within first month after due date – add	\$120.00	N/A
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Response filed within second month after due date – add	\$450.00	\$450.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Response filed within third month after due date – add	\$1020.00	N/A
<input type="checkbox"/>	Response filed within fourth month after due date – add	\$1590.00	N/A
<input type="checkbox"/>	Response filed within fifth month after due date – add	\$2160.00	N/A

SUBTOTAL: N/A

Discount for “small entity” status, enter half (1/2) of the second subtotal and **subtract**.

TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE **\$450.00**

Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-2814 in the amount of **\$450.00**.

A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

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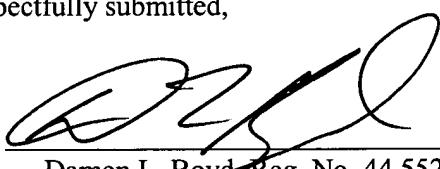
No additional fee is required.

This statement does NOT authorize charge of the issue fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fee specifically authorized hereafter, or any **deficiency** in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith or concerning any paper filed hereafter, and which may be required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16-1.18 (**deficiency only**) now or hereafter relative to this Application and the resulting Official document under 37 C.F.R. §1.20, or credit any overpayment to Account No. 19-2814 for which purpose a **duplicate copy of this sheet is attached**.

Respectfully submitted,

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